Memorial Day Address at Confederate Cemetery

An excellent address was given here May 28, by the Rev. Richard A. Bergdoll, minister at the Memorial Methodist Church, in observance at the local Confederate Cemetery The Memorial Day program was sponsored jointly, as in recent years, by the local American Legion and Auxiliary, and the Appomattox Chapter of the United Daughters of the Confederacy.

Rev. Bergdoll chose as his topic: "Lest We Forget." We publish below excerpts from his very excellent address on this occasion:

LEST WE FORGET

The obvious meaning of Memorial Day is that we shall not forget. It is a day of memories The poet expresses it in beautifully suggstive phrases:-

"A day of tender memory,
A day of sacred hours;
Of many bands of marching men,
Of drums and flags and flowers.
A day when a great nation halts
Its mighty throbbing pace,
It pays its meed of gratitude
And love with willing grace.
A day when fairest, sweetest blooms,
Are laid upon each grave,
And wreathes are hung on monuments,
And banners, half-mast, wave.
A day to keep from year to year
In memory of the dead;
Let music sound, and flowers be laid,
Upon each resting-bed."

After forty years of wandering in the Wilderness, The Children of Israel paused to pay tribute to their heritage, and to prepare for the march into the Promised Land, Moses gave these words of exhortation to the people, as they stood within easy reach of the Land flowing with Milk and Honey, intended for their rightful possession: "For what nation is there so great who hath God so nigh unto them, as the Lord our God is in all things, that we call upon Him for? And what nation is there, which has statues and ordinances so righeous as all this law which I set before you this day? Only take heed, and keep your soul diligently, lest you forget the things which your eyes have seen, and lest they depart from your heart all the day of your life; make them known to your children and your children's children." (Deuteronomy 4:7-9).

About the turn of this century, Rudyard Kipling, English poet, wrote a poem-hymn which has become immortalized because of the vital sentiments from the lips of Moses and were expressed in present-day nomenclauture and inspirations:

"God of our fathers, known of old
—Lord of our far-flung battle line-
Beneath whose awful hand we hold
Dominion over palm and pine -
Lord God of Hosts, be with us yet,
Lest we forget - lest we forget!
The tumult and the shouting dies -
The Captains and the Kings depart -
Still stands Thine ancient sacrifice,
An humble and a contrite heart.
Lord God of Hosts, be with us yet,
Lest we forget - lest we forget!
Far-called, our navies melt away -
On dune and headland sinks the fire -
Lo, all our pomp of yesterday
Is one with Nineveh and Tyre!
Judge of the Nations, spare us yet,
Lest we forget - lest we forget!"

Memorial Day is neither a festive occassion, nor a time for a funeral ceremony. Memorial Day is truly a day of sacred remembrances, of sacred recollections. A day for pondering, reflecting, and meditation and prayer. Whether upon the deceased veterans or the civilian dead, upon soldiers or non-military, our cause for assembly is the same.

"We meet today to honor those
Who served their country best,
From battlefield and fireside,
And now in quiet rest.
Safe home at last our honored dead
Have found unending peace,
And we, the living, dare not rest
'Til war forever cease."

We meet today to remember the past, blurred with the blight of bloodshed,, destruction, desolation and ruin, that we may be faithful in this present day in the preparation of a more fruitful, productive way of life for the generation yet unborn who follow in our blazed pathway over virgin ground.

* * * We are determined today not to still further the lips of Christ who said, "They that take the sword, shall perish by the sword." We are determined to remember our glorious heritage and heeding its challenges press forward to further the cause of Peace throughout the whole world — "till peace shall cover the earth as the waters cover the sea, and there shall be goodwill among mankind in every continent, nation, territory and land! * * *

The value of histrocial retrospect - like our consideration of the virtues of the warrior dead - lies not in the past itself, but in the future. We are the fathers, the pioneers, the teachers, th heroes who make tomorrow. We are those to whom our children will look back tomorrow, in appreciation if we lead them aright today, in sorrow if we fail them. In our homes, our schools, our churches—in every child that passes under our smile or our frown, that learns good from us, or that may be led down by our example of our neglect—we are building tomorrow, indeed, we are building something of immortality. A nation is made great, not by its bounding fruitful acres of vegetation and grains, but by the men, women, youth and children who cultivate these; not by its great forests standing firm and stalwart and waving unharmed in the mighty breezes, but by the host of mankind who use them to build and to provide for industry, not by its mines, but by the men who work in the mines; not by its railways, busses, planes and rockets, but by the men who build and run the many ways of modern transportation. America was a great land when Columbus discovered it; Americans have made of it a great nation, and we propose here today that we are determined to make it a greater nation of far-reaching influences for peace and ...will among all nations of the earth.

Sir Walter Scott wrote an interesting novel called - "Old Mortality," describing a character who lived in the eighteenth century and who went about the country with an old horse and a kit of tools. He went everywhere searching out the graves of old Covenanters who had died a martyr's death for their faith. He would scrape the moss from their tombstones, and where the carvings had grown dim with wind and weather, he would sharpen the lines with his chisel and hammer. Where there were no stones at all he set one up. No cemetery in all the lowlands was overlooked by this enterprising individual, and we rightly follow in his example as on every Memorial Day we sharpen our minds in remembrance of the past. and the many blessings bequeathed to us from those who sleep beneath the sod. Let us strive to live faithfully in our day in preparations for the generations yet to follow us; and pray that they may also sharpen the carvings on our tombstones and praise us for our devotions to the line of duty. "Lord God of Hosts, be with us yet, lest we forget." * * *

From the myriads of battlefields all over the world, on every Memorial Day there comes clearly to our sensitive ears: "To you from failing hands we throw the torch" —From Concord in the far North, to Yorktown of the sunny South; from the Southern center of Atlanta to the Northern outpost of Gettysburg; from San Juan Hill in 1898 to the fields of France, Germany and Italy in 1914-18; from the Islands of the Pacific and the beachheads all over Europe during the '40's, from the highlands of Korea to the lowlands of the Suez Canal in the beginning years of the past decade; and now afresh from new sectors of the world in military posts, territories, airfields, fort and fortresses, our comrades call us never to forget their undying devotion to duty; and to join with them in carrying forth the heroism, bravery, valor and courage of those in all generations of our immortal history.

Memorial Day, truly a day to remember, and we eagerly join millions of mankind in our great nation and over the world in strewing flowers upon the graves and again face forward under Our Great Commander—The Prince of Peace, who so effectively taught us to be costly courageous and sacrificially steadfast in the cause of right and righteousness, in our day to endeavor to match those of the yesterdays. They pass on to us their stirring challenge in the words of the famous hymn-writer, Maltbie D. Babcock:

"Be strong! We are not ... play,
to dream, to drift;
We have hard work to ...
and loads to lift.
Shun not the struggle; ...
'Tis God's gift. Be ...
strong!
Be strong. Say not the ...
evil—who's to blame!
And fold the hands and ...
— O shame!
Stand up, speak out, ...
In God's name, Be ...
be strong!"

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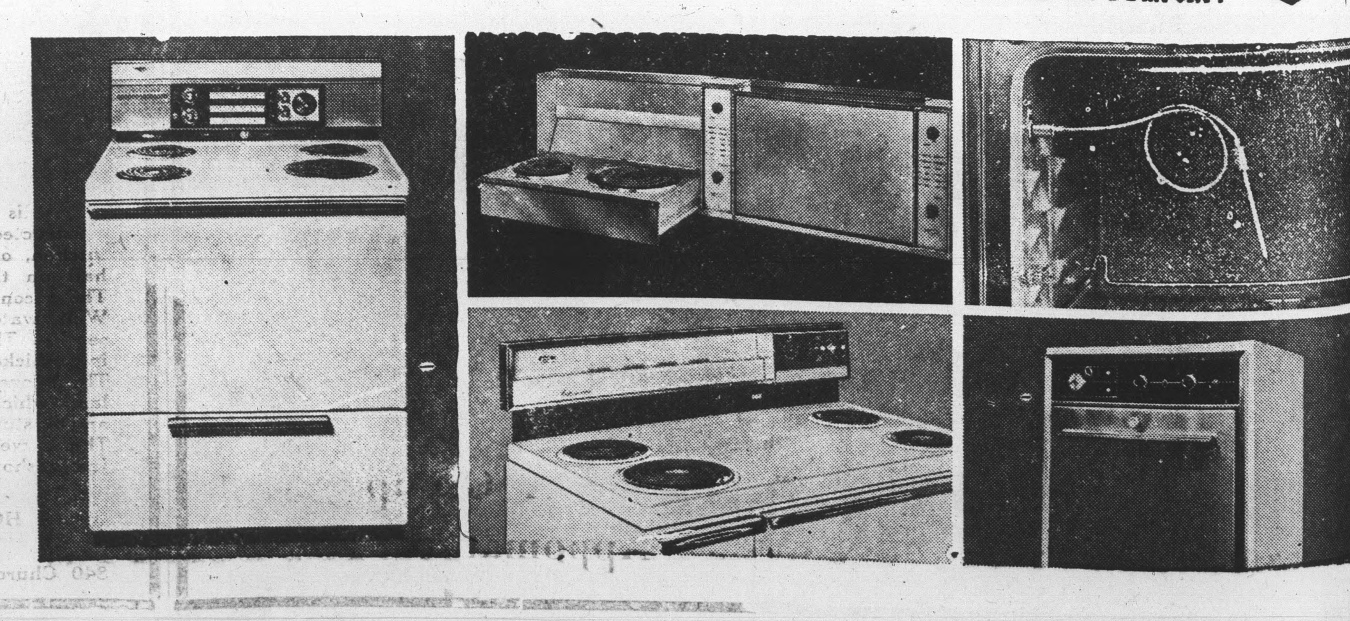

Evergreen

Evergreen, June 6.- Rev. and Mrs. ... T. Smith, of Fairport, Va., were overnight guests last Wednesday of ... and Mrs. J. K. Hamilton and ...

Mr. S. R. Paulette is spending this week at Deltaville, Va.

Mr. and Mrs. Otis Allen and family, of Emporia, Va., spent the week-end in the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Paulette and family.

A number from here attended the ...national Stewardship Conference at Liberty Church last ...

... L. Hudson has returned after spending two weeks with ... sister, Mrs. Lizzie Jones, ...

Dan Jennings and son, Sammy, of Cambria spent the week-end with his mother, Mrs. Ella Jennings.

Rev. V. L. Hudson is attending a meeting in Richmond several days this week.

A number from here attended the ... Show at Appomattox Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Paulette and family, of Phenix visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Garnett Sunday P. M.

The E. A. Boys enjoyed a weiner roast with their leader, Rev. Virgil L. Hudson Saturday evening.

Rev. Robert E. Harris and Miss Anne Stinnette, of Amherst, spent Saturday with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Harris.

Pamplin

Week-end visitors in the Graydon Maxwell home were their sons and daughters, as follows: Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Maxwell and little son, of Pamplin; Rev. Wilbur G. Maxwell, of Farmville, Va.; Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Elder and baby daughter, of Appomattox; and Mr. and Mrs. Rawton Layne, of Charlotte C. H., Va.

Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Ramsey and their small daughter, Dannie, and two little sons, Billy and Bobby, of Portsmouth, Va. were dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Fore last Sunday. Mr. Ramsey is Mrs. Fore's nephew.

Mr. James Fore, of Richmond, Va., visited in the home of his brother, Mr. Robert Fore last Saturday.

Mr. Coley Ramsey returned home Sunday from the Virginia Baptist Hospital in Lynchburg, Va., where he underwent surgery Friday A. M. He is getting along nicely, doctors say. All his relatives and friends are happy to know this. Mr. Ramsey lives near Madisonville.

SMALL MILK PROCESSOR MIGHT BENEFIT BY MERGING OPERATION

Small independent milk processors might well take a leaf from the book of the small retail grocer says A. J. Ortego, Jr., agricultural economist at Virginia Polytechnic Institute.

Econonies offered by large scale operations are leading to more mergers between independent milk processing firms and large dairy chain organizations, says Ortego.

Retail grocers attempted to survive this trend to bigness by affiliating either voluntarily or cooperatively to save money on large scale operation and advertising.

A centrally located plant bottling for a number of small independent distributors may be the way for them to continue in the milk distribution business, suggests the economist.

The number of plants processing and bottling fluid milk has been decreasing rapidly. The number of firms involved has also decreased because of combinations and mergers.

What is causing this trend? The cost structure of milk bottling plant is such that the larger the volume (up to capacity) the lower the unit cost. This is because of the large investment in plant and equipment, says Ortego.

Technological developments and improvements in truck transportation, highways, refrigeration and packaging have made possible expansion of both milk distribution and procurement. By increasing output, many plants have been able to spread fixed costs over a larger volume.

This leads to an increased share of the market for those fewer firms left. Important also is the fact that the market share of the bigger chains has increased in part because of vigorous selling national advertising, economics of large scale operation and merging with independent concerns.

Leftover tea will stay fresh for several hours if you don't store it in the refrigerator. Cloudy tea can be cleared by adding a little boiling water.

Pamplin

Mr. Wilson Fulcher, of Pamplin, suffered a severe heart attack 3 weeks ago last Thursday, and has been confined in Virginia Baptist Hospital, but is doing nicely, and expects to be home soon. Neighbors and friends will be glad to hear this good news.

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Appomattox is a growing town. Town election next Tuesday.

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Foreign Pests

Destructive foreign pests of plants had more than 160,000,000 chances to enter this country last year. That's about the number of times people crossed borders into the United States in 1960. More travel expected this year means the Plant Quarantine Division inspectors will have a bigger job keeping out insects and diseases that threaten agriculture. Last year, the inspectors averaged interception of a potentially destructive plant pest every 17 minutes.

Punch only two or three holes in a can of sink cleanser so it will pour adequately, but not wastefully. Cleanser goes further if sprinkled on the sponge instead of directly into the sink.

Potatoes, the most common of vegetables, can be made something special by the use of herbs. Try chopped chives over baked potatoes, marjoram or parsley with scalloped potatoes, dill or sweet basil in potato soup. Small amounts of any of these herbs can be used in mashed potatoes.

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THE THING THAT SELLS FORDS IS SIMPLY THE PRODUCT—IT STARTS WHEN YOU TAKE A CLOSE LOOK AT FEATURES OTHER CARS ARE ONLY DREAMING ABOUT, IT GETS CONVINCING WHEN YOU SEE AND FEEL THE HONEST QUALITY OF ITS CRAFTSMANSHIP—AND IT'S ALL OVER WHEN YOU LEARN THE PRICE.

THOSE THOUSANDS OF AMERICANS WHO BOUGHT A GLITTERING NEW FORD EVERY SIX SECONDS IN MAY REALLY DID KNOW SOMETHING YOU SHOULD KNOW—THAT NOW IS THE TIME TO STOP IN, SWAP, AND SAVE PLENTY AT YOUR FORD DEALER'S SWAPPING BEE.

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